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Crackdown on I-94

by D. A. Atkins

The Romulus, Taylor and Michigan State police have begun a rigid crackdown on speed violators on I-94 between Taylor and Romulus.

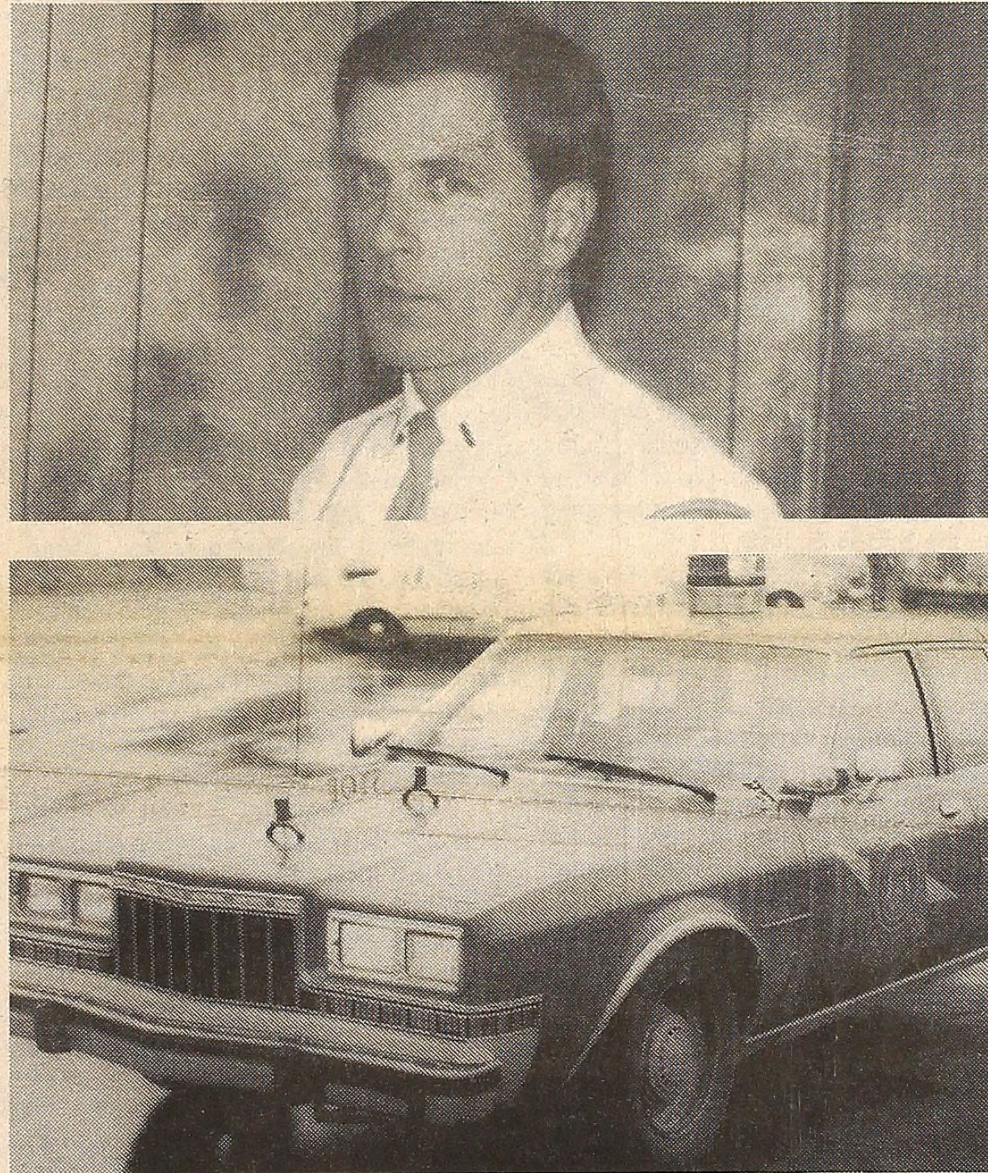
The joint effort began at approximately 9:30 a.m. on December 1, with six police cars patrolling both the east- and west-bound expressway. Chief Wilmoth and the State Police began working on the agreement to enforce the speed limit some six months ago. It is only a coincidence that the enforcement started at the same time that the new 65-mph speed limit for rural highways (which does not include the stretch of I-94 between Taylor and Romulus — it begins just west of Ann Arbor) took effect.

Lieutenant David Early will be the coordinator of the project. Early is a long-time Romulus Police Officer, and very experienced in this form of police work.

Lt. Early said this is a very unique cooperative effort between the Romulus Police, Taylor Police and the Michigan State Police. The reason for this effort is to try to reduce the high accident rate on I-94.

The heavy patrol, according to Early, will be on select days of the week, and no one, outside of the police departments, will know which days those will be.

The concentrated effort will be from the west part of Romulus to the east part of Taylor, says Early. There will be motor carrier personnel from the State Police to



handle much of the commercial traffic, trucks, etc.

There was an accident on I-94 near Ozga Road on Monday, November 30, that left one woman in critical condition. It is not known, however, if the accident was caused by excessive speed.

From 1984 to date, there have been five fatal accidents on I-94 between Wayne and Ecorse roads. Four of those accidents were alcohol related, and all occurred on the east-bound traffic lanes. This segment of I-94 is 10.93 miles long, and intersects with two major State trunklines, I-275 and US-24 (Telegraph). Also, there are three major interchanges that carry traffic to and from Metro Airport, Wayne Road, Merriman Road and Middlebelt Road.

A large percentage of accidents occur between the hours of 6 and 9 a.m., and 2 and 8 p.m. Fridays average about 22% of the total accidents over a three-year period from 1984 through 1986, and 22% of the vehicles involved in accidents were commercial. This is about 10% higher than the State average.

Presently, with the 55-mph speed limit as it is, the average speed being traveled on the expressways is 68-71 mph.

According to Lt. Early, the speed limit will be fully enforced. It is suggested that you watch your speed on both the expressways and local streets. □

Pennington Supports Mayor's Veto

by D. A. Atkins

Councilman Ellis Pennington has declared that he will support the Mayor's veto of the emergency parking agreement recently passed by City Council.

Wendell Flynn, owner of Airlines Parking, approached the City Council at its last meeting and asked for a variance to extend his parking lot, located at Smith and Merriman.

Also, Flynn asked for an approval to park cars on a non-existent lot (which would hold about 900 cars) due to what he feels will be an emergency situation because of the holidays. Mr. Flynn feels that the parking situation in Romulus will be so bad that cars will be illegally parked all

over Merriman and Middlebelt, and remarked that his solution, which would get these cars off the road, would make work a little easier for the Sheriff's Department. Councilman Wadsworth assured Flynn that his request for additional parking would not make much difference in how many tickets the Sheriff's Department issues.

Pennington, along with all of the other Council members, voted to give Flynn the right to park cars on the vacant lot, even at the objection of some of the residents. The Mayor told Flynn that he absolutely amazed her with his requests.

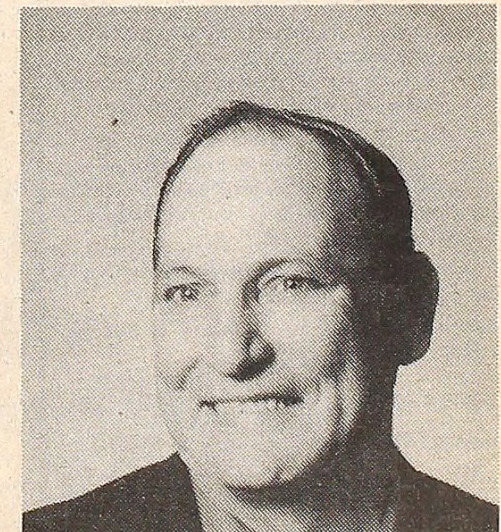
The day after the meeting, Mayor

McAnally called in the City attorneys and decided to veto the Council's action.

In a recent interview with Councilman Pennington, he stated that he would support the Mayor's veto.

"When I voted on this issue, I considered it to be an emergency situation," Pennington said. Pennington made two trips to Flynn's place of business, Airlines Parking — one on Wednesday at 3 p.m., and the other on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) around 4 p.m. — and found several parking spaces available in the already-approved parking lot.

Pennington said, "On neither day did I see anything that resembled an emer-



gency situation." He added, "When the vote was taken, I thought I was voting in the best interest of the community. After seeing there was no emergency situation

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Circulation Increases!

by D. A. Atkins

Thanks to you, our readers, and your acceptance of this paper, *The Romulus News* has had to increase its circulation and press run from 5,000 to 7,000 after only eight issues.

That tells us many things. It tells us you like reading about Romulus, that you will and do support our advertisers, and that, at long last, you have what you have wanted for so many years.

It is not an easy job to put this paper together every two weeks, and without your support, we simply couldn't do it. I have had many people ask how many people work for us, and they seem amazed when I tell them that my wife, daughter, mother and mother-in-law take care of it all.

That, in itself, is one of the main reasons that we can only publish once every two weeks. For us to publish every week, we would need almost three times the advertisers and we would have to hire many people that we just cannot afford to hire at the present time.

The School Board has decided to spend money with us to publish the minutes of its meetings, and we would appreciate it if you would call them and tell them if you read them or not.

We are trying to do the best we can with what we have, but we still need more. The City legal notices are coming up for bid shortly, and we certainly hope we can get at least part of them — that much money would certainly help.

As we have told you before, no one

owns any part of this paper except my wife and me, and we started with absolutely nothing. Therefore, we own it lock, stock and teardrop — and believe me, there are times when there are a lot of teardrops.

We also said in the beginning that we would not be able to please everyone, but that we would certainly try. And we are trying. We said we would not be anyone's puppet, and that still stands, period! We also said we wanted to stay away from politics as much as possible, but we are finding that in this town, as in most small towns, that can sometimes be hard to do. We have addressed the problems that have arisen, and we will continue to do so.

We are trying harder to let you know what goes on at the City Council meetings each week by devoting a section of the paper to that area alone. We will also, in the near future, be doing the same thing with the School Board.

We have also called for you to please send in your wedding, engagement, birth and death notices at no charge, and your classified advertising at no charge also (except for businesses).

Again, this is your paper; it is your little paper. Hopefully, it will continue to grow as it has so far — by leaps and bounds. When you find or think you have found something wrong in what we have printed, let us know — we are human, just like you, and sometimes we make mistakes, but we are not afraid to correct our mistakes if we know about them. □

Tree-Lighting Ceremony December 4

The City of Romulus Tree-Lighting Ceremony is Friday, December 4. The ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the corner of Shook and Goddard (IGA parking lot).

The entertainment will consist of Crystal Markowski, a high school student, singing a couple of Christmas songs, and a group sing-a-long led by Cub Scout Pack 806 from Wick School. Then the Jolly Old Elf himself will arrive about 6:45 p.m., and will be welcomed by our special children, Matthew and Michael Wright, three-year-old twins.

Everyone is then invited to the old South Junior High School for refreshments and a chance for the kids to sit on Santa's lap and tell him their wish lists. Pictures will be made available by the Arts Council, and this year the High School Band will play a few Christmas songs to entertain the people standing in line.

For further information, contact the Recreation Department at 942-6852. □

CITIZENS & PUBLIC OFFICIALS HERE'S YOUR NEWS "N" VIEWS

The purpose of the News 'N' Views column is to provide Romulus citizens with an opportunity to express their opinions. These opinions are not necessarily those of The Romulus News.

by Barry Baumann

After losing the November 3 election by 19 votes, I thought that I would stay away from City Hall for awhile, but I decided to attend the Monday, November 23 meeting of the City Council. What I saw terrified me, and was the most disgraceful show by City Council members in the 20 years I have been going to Council meetings as a member and/or a citizen!

The Mayor has since vetoed the Council action (her first), but the underlying facts involved should concern every single resident of this city.

The issue deals with Airlines Parking and its owner, Wendell Flynn, a man not unfamiliar with controversy in political circles of the City. The entire story began to unfold late last year, when Flynn requested a Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) district for a project that had already received Planning Commission approval based on Flynn's agreement to pay for all improvements (roads, water & sewer, lighting, etc.) himself.

Because there have been so many complaints by school districts who feel that TIFA funds are being misused, the TIFA law is currently under litigation to determine its legality. The Council, however, didn't seem to be concerned with its legality — it voted to reimburse Flynn for all costs relating to the project. I was the only member of Council to vote against this (February, 1987), and I still contend that this arrangement is illegal. But what has transpired since that time brings us to what happened November 23.

Since obtaining this TIFA, Flynn has pursued the acquisition of residential property east of his Airline Parking property at Merriman and Smith roads. Being successful in purchasing some homes on Hudson Street, Flynn embarked on an allegedly illegal expansion of his parking facility over City-owned property (an undeveloped road), and was cited for other violations. In a letter dated March 3, 1987, Flynn was told by Romulus City Attorneys to comply with City ordinances or the City would see him in court. In the letter, the attorneys cited Flynn with:

"...illegally expanded your parking lot, the elevation of which is improperly flooding adjacent property owners and was done without permit or DNR approval. ... You have illegally encroached on an alley and two roads, platted and dedicated to the City of Romulus, without our knowl-

edge and approval. Your temporary fence and parking lot lighting have been installed without the required permits, all of which are actions which may subject you to Civil and Criminal penalties."

The attorneys gave Flynn seven days to correct the situation. He didn't, and the City filed suit.

Flynn responded by sending a March 11 letter to the City attorneys, asking for a two-week extension. The extension, however, was not given.

Flynn recently requested the rezoning of the property he has acquired east of his business, and has received both Planning Commission and City Council approval. He has yet to get the alley vacated, a request that was denied earlier when residents in the area asked City Council to take action about a year ago.

Under the persistent leadership and insistence of newly elected Council member Jimmie Raspberry, and supported by Council member Noah Pete Bergeron, the Council disgracefully threw out every policy and procedure, and thumbed its nose at the rule of law in the City of Romulus by its November 23 action. Flynn had asked to park holiday travelers' cars on the property being litigated by the City. With a unanimous vote, Council said to hell with the City ordinances, and set a very dangerous precedent, bypassing the Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals.

As shocked residents who attended the meeting filed out of the Council chambers, many commented on the consistent tendency of Council to bend to the 'big-money people' while, at the same time, impeding the 'little guy.' Many also felt that the ordinary citizen is made to comply with every letter of the City Code of Ordinances, while the City turns its head where big business is concerned.

Raspberry and Bergeron led the farce that night at the Council level, and I would hope that citizens watch what has transpired very closely. It has set the tone for the next two years of City Government, and that is very frightening. Had it not been for the Mayor having the courage to veto this action, Romulus would have nothing but problems in the future. Flynn has 13 other ordinance violations pending in Court at this time, yet Council has, by its actions, sent a message to Flynn and other developers that says, 'Go ahead and break the law. Council will back you.'

I wonder what laws Raspberry and Bergeron had in mind as they raised their hands to take the Oath of Office November 9? If their actions, as well as those of the rest of the Council that night, are any indication, Romulus residents are in for some troubled times ahead. □

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ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

Rock Group Performs at Romulus High

by Marc McAlister, Lisa Trill and Deanna Watson

On November 20, 'The Edge' performed a concert for Romulus High students. There were 220 students in attendance. The group works for the company called 'The Young American Showcase.' The company sends out nine groups that play at high schools and junior high schools around the country. They hire each member individually and place him into a group. They also book the shows and pay all the expenses.

While on tour, they play five days a week. On the average day they play three shows — about 500 schools a year.

In June, when students get out for summer vacation, they break up; when August comes they'll put in other groups.

Group Members

Manager: Matt Bennett

Bass: Bob Flake, 21

Guitar: Darryl Killingsworth, 20

Keyboard: Sandy Clement, 19

Drums: Jim Davis, 19

The student body would like to thank Mr. Dolan and Mr. Coleman for setting up the show. A special thanks goes to the band and the stage crew. □

Romulus Jaycees Coming Soon!

The New Boston Jaycees are working toward establishing a Jaycees Chapter in Romulus.

Jaycees are young people (21-39) who are interested in everything from learning new personal skills such as computer programming, to helping their community by improving parks or collecting food baskets for the needy. Jaycees learn new job skills and sponsor Easter Egg Hunts; they learn personal financial management techniques and collect for M.D.A. Jaycees hold Christmas parties for their families and attend quarterly State Assemblies. Jaycees win Chapter, District, and State awards. Jaycees have fun.

If you think you may be interested in Jaycees, you can: a) check with your personnel manager (if you work in Romulus) and see if the New Boston Jaycees left literature; b) send your name, address, and phone number to: Romulus Jaycees, 36893 Violet, New Boston, MI 48164, attn: CK; or c) attend the New Boston Jaycees meeting December 8 at 7 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall, 37290 Huron River Drive, New Boston, MI. The New Boston Jaycees will also be holding a phone campaign, so we may just give you a call, too!

It is not mandatory that you live in Romulus to be a member of the Romulus Jaycees. Anyone can join — if you work there; if your friends or relatives join; or if there is no Jaycees Chapter in your area. And if you're under 21 or over 39, you, too, can join as an Associate Member.

Join us! Romulus will benefit greatly — and so will you! □

Blood Drive

by Lisa Trill and Deanna Watson

On November 16, Romulus High School held its annual Blood Drive.

Many showed up to donate their blood; a total of 65 pints was taken. A few were turned down because of age and weight. In order to give blood you have to be 17 or older and must weigh over 110 pounds.

Everyone who gave blood was on his best behavior, and no one panicked or passed out.

We'd like to thank Mrs. Hopewell and her Health Occupations class. Also, a special thanks goes to the American Red Cross and the donors for taking time to make the Blood Drive a success. □

Canned Food Drive

Little Caesars and WLLZ Radio are sponsoring the Little Caesars Wheels for Meals Canned Food Drive. The collected food will go to help the Food Bank of Oakland County and the Gleaners Food Bank feed the hungry.

On December 3, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Romulus City Council Chairman Mary Ann Banks and other public officials will be at the Romulus Little Caesars Pizza, located at 9319 South Wayne Road, to help kick off the event. The Wheels Blazer will also be paying a visit, and Romulus High School students and WLLZ listeners are invited to attend.

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Regular Meeting, November 9, 1987

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, November 9, 1987, was called to order by President Patterson at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call showed Members King and Langley absent. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Patterson.

Approval of Agenda:

Member Patterson stated that under Report of the Superintendent Item M. "Executive Session - Negotiations" would become Item A. 1. with "Personnel" becoming Item A. 2. and deleting Item B. "Retirement Resolution - Janice Hoover".

(Member King entered the meeting at 7:32 P.M.)

11/87/1 Moved by Kesner supported by Wilkerson the Board of Education approve the Agenda as amended by Pres. Patterson. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

11/87/2 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Berlinn the Board approve the Minutes of October 26, 1987, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

There were no communications and expressions from the public at this meeting.

Report of the Superintendent:

Executive Session - Negotiations

11/87/3 Moved by Berlinn supported by King the Board convene in Executive Session for purpose of Negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

(Member Langley entered Executive Session at 7:40 P.M.)

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:34 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:19 P.M.

Personnel Actions

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval:

A. **Retirement:** Hoye Jones, Custodian "A" - Sr. High, Eff. 7/1/87; and John White, Teacher - Sr. High, Eff. 10/31/87.

11/87/4 Moved by Bales supported by Berlinn the Board approve the Personnel Actions as recommended by Dr. LeCesne. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

11/87/5 Moved by Berlinn supported by Wilkerson the Board approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Proposed Facility Study

11/87/6 Moved by Bales supported by Langley the item be removed from the table. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

11/87/7 Moved by Langley supported by King the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the district facility study as proposed by the Greiner Corporation the documents presented, with the understanding that the contract can be cancelled by the Board, at its sole discretion, after each of the first two phases. Ayes: 4. Nays: 3 (Bales, Kesner, Wilkerson). Motion carried.

Appointment of Architect - Bus Wash

11/87/8 Moved by Bales supported by King the Board of Education contract with Greiner, Inc., to provide architectural and engineering services for the Bus Wash Construction Project. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City After School Program

11/87/9 Moved by Bales supported by King the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve joint sponsorship with the City Recreation Department of the After School Program to be extended from January 11 to May 19, 1988, as per the October 21, 1987, letter from the City. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Reapproval of Security Contract

11/87/10 Moved by Berlinn supported by Langley the Board approve amended contracted service agreement with Hilliard Hampton for night security at the Romulus Senior High School and Enterprise High School. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Let the records note that Local 64 President Nettles objects to this addition and advises that Council 25 will follow grievance procedures if this continues.

Senior High Activities Leadership

There was no action taken on this item at this meeting.

Natural Gas Contract

There was no action taken on this item at this meeting.

Surplus Vehicles

11/87/11 Moved by Kesner supported by Wilkerson the Board of Education declare vehicles 105, 114, 115, 116, 135, 6, 9, 18, 33, 47, and 50 surplus and offer them for sale. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) Finance Minutes; 2) Chapter I Letter - State; 3) Belleville Letter - "Thanks"; 4) Huron Letter - Out-of-District Students; and 5) Adult Ed FTE Comparisons.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member Langley stated that Dick Campbell would be retiring from the Policy Committee and Board Members are invited to dinner on November 16, 1987.

Member King addressed several matters: 1) WCISD Budget; 2) Shared experience at Conference on Teacher Mentor; 3) Shared dates of future Wayne County Workshops; and 4) Commented on performance of choir at City Inaugural.

Adjournment:

11/87/12 Moved by Berlinn supported by Kesner the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

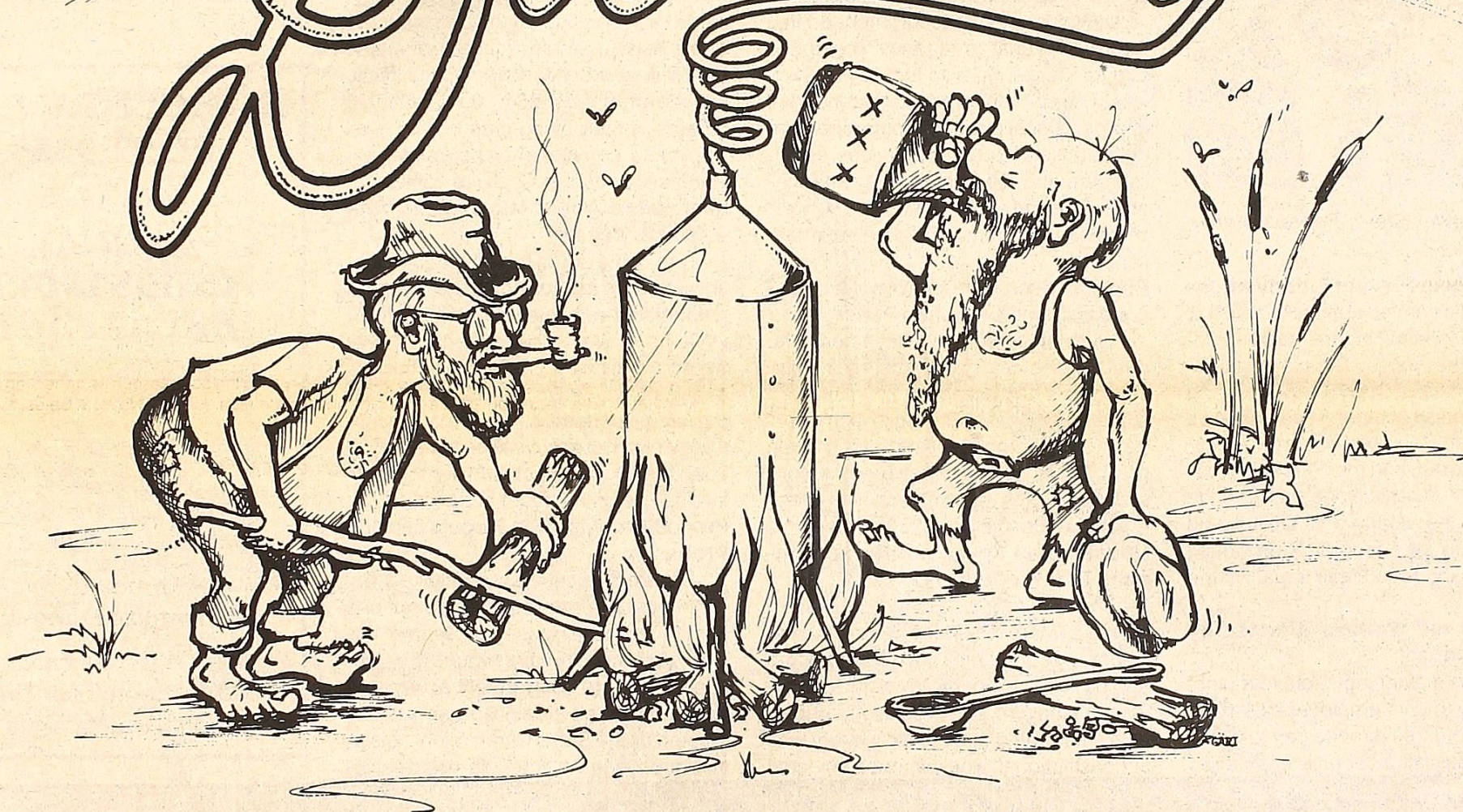
Respectfully submitted,
Daniel R. Bales, Secretary
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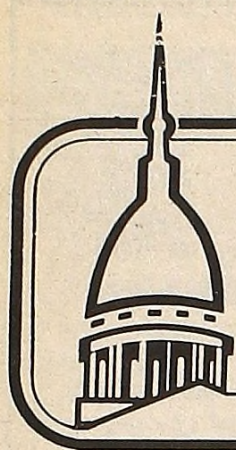
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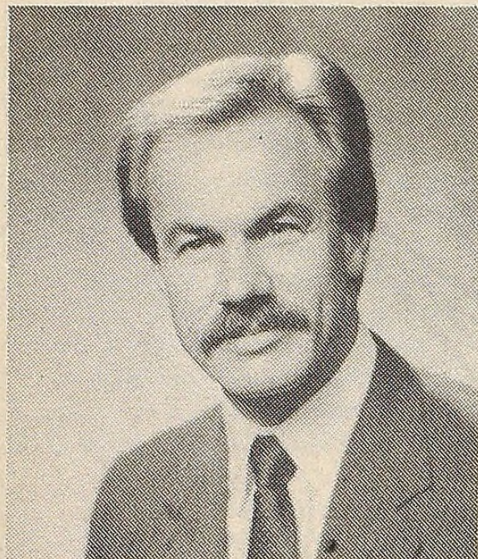
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House Acts to Prevent Elderly Abuse

Legislation aimed at the elimination of elderly abuse in Michigan has been approved by the House. The bill would require the Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) to work with other State agencies to develop an older-persons' abuse-prevention program and fund grants to local agencies or organizations that provide services to the elderly. The OSA would also develop pilot programs on abuse prevention and report their impact to the Legislature.

Bill Would Aid Workers Affected by Plant Closings

Employers planning to close a plant would have to give employees 60 days notice and offer severance pay to workers under legislation recently introduced

in the House. The bill, aimed at providing an economic safety net for workers whose jobs are eliminated due to plant closings, would require severance pay of one week's wage for each year of employment to laid-off or dislocated workers.

House Panel Urges Greater Coordination of Children, Family Services

The House Ad Hoc Committee on Early Intervention and Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency has recommended that the State create an agency to oversee and centralize children and family services. The committee also recommended improved local plans for comprehensive child abuse and neglect services, establishment of a toll-free State substance-abuse line and an increase in the number of guidance counselors in elementary schools.

Repairs Disclosure for New-Car Buyers Approved by House Panel

Legislation requiring that automobile dealers disclose major repairs to new-car buyers has passed the House Consumers Committee. The legislation would require automobile dealers to provide prospective buyers of new and demonstrator vehicles with written notice of any repairs made totalling \$250 or more.

House Votes Equal Insurance Company Tax, Property Tax Relief

The House has approved a plan to create a more equitable way of taxing insurance companies and provide about \$80 million in property-tax relief for individual taxpayers. The legislation, spurred by a court ruling that the old system was unconstitutional, would impose an equal

two-percent tax on all premiums of both in-state and out-of-state insurance companies and provide property-tax relief beginning in the next fiscal year.

Guidelines for Fire Fighters Training Council Approved by House Panel

The House Human Resources and Senior Citizens Committee has approved a bill to require the Fire Fighters Training Council to develop more stringent standards for the fire fighters training program. The legislation would require permanent, full-time employees to complete basic training of at least 264 hours within 12 months of their hiring date and at least 132 hours completed basic training for volunteer or paid-on-call fire fighters.

Legislation Would Allow Public Vote on Death Penalty

Use of the death penalty for persons convicted of assaulting a law-enforcement officer with intent to kill that officer while he or she is in the course of duty would be allowed under legislation recently introduced in the House. The bill package includes a constitutional amendment which would have to be approved by voters, since the Michigan Constitution forbids use of the death penalty.

Proposed Legislation Targets Erosion Problems

Prospective buyers of shoreline property would be protected by a pair of bills introduced in the House and Senate. The House bill would require owners of shoreline property to notify potential buyers if the land is in an erosion-prone area as defined by the State. Companion legislation introduced in the Senate would estab-

lish a mandatory setback from the Great Lakes shoreline for all non-moveable structures which are to be built on non-bedrock soil.

House Panel Takes Testimony on Community-Based Corrections:

Legislation promoting the use of community-based corrections as an alternative to incarceration for low-risk offenders was the topic of a recent public hearing of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections. Among alternative punishments available under the system are community restriction programs which require the offender to repay the crime victim for property or personal damages and community service which requires the offender to compensate the community by doing volunteer work in public programs.

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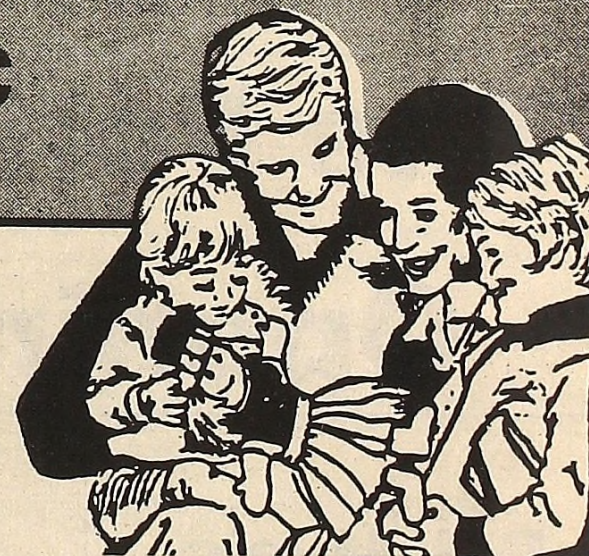
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Students Recognized

by Daniel Hurst, Assistant Principal,
Romulus Senior High School

A variety of new programs were initiated at Romulus Senior High School this year to instill high academic and behavioral expectations in our students. One program is the recognition of students as 'Students of the Month.' Each month, teachers select students that have excelled in their respective classes. These students will receive positive recognition in the school, via monthly awards ceremonies, picture displays, and articles in the local and school papers. In addition, a number of students from this group (through the luck of the draw) will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond, compliments of local sponsors. This type of community support enhances our program by supporting a positive learning environment and reinforcing high expectations of students. We thank the sponsors for their support and generosity, and congratulate the September and October Students of the Month.

The following students received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond (sponsors are listed

in parentheses):

September Students of the Month

Starr Davis (Romulus Kiwanis)
Bill Goachee (Tom Dolan, RHS Principal)
Renee Hardt (McDonalds, Wayne Road)
Steve Hockett (Crova GMC Trucks)
Robert Hoth (Ted's Supermarket)
Kevin Messersmith (Romulus Hardware)
Belinda Rose (Host a Marriott)
Rhonda Tackett (Romulus Kiwanis)

October Students of the Month

Michael Baber (Romulus Rotary Club)
Laura Biro (Metro Maintenance,
Jim/Mike Orme)
Jacquelyn Devoe (McDonalds,
Wayne Road)
Eugene Haney (Roxy)
Kimberly Hopewell (Crova GMC Trucks)
Philip Kraft (Romulus Kiwanis)
Lori McLean (Ted's Supermarket)
Colleen McQuiston (Header Products)
Michele Scarrow (Host a Marriott)
Mike Shahan (Daly's Drive-In)
Laurie Stewart (Romulus Kiwanis)
Michael Walton (Lear Siegler, Inc.)



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Second Row: Kim Wehrmeister, Lisa Haines, Nancy Bozelak, Karen Sapp.
Third Row: Laurie Varady, Patrick Gondek, Zarita Hood, Dan Gaddis, Michael Baber, Scott Sampson.



Front Row: (Unidentified), William Lincoln, Philip Kraft, Vanessa Baber.
Second Row: Mike Shahan, Eugene Haney, Michael Walton, Bernadette Jackson, Juan Rivera.

Students not pictured: Patreese Amos, Laura Biro, Jon Brown, Michelle Burkitt, Brian Clark, Loleta Cobbs, Thomas Crawford, Don Davidson, Darinda Davis, Jacquelyn Devoe, Deborah Dyer, Lisa Geise, Angie Guajardo, Kimberly Hopewell, Wendy Hopper, Terrance Jones, James Kulinski, Rachel Matyaszek, Jason Milne, Amy McClue, Jamara McNeil, Colleen McQuiston, Sharon Panek, Yolanda Rupert, Karen Sapp, Michele Scarrow, Melissa Seimasz, and Mark Townsend.

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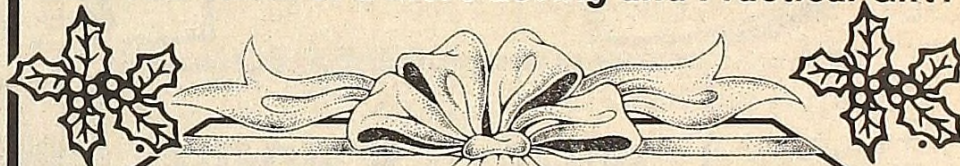
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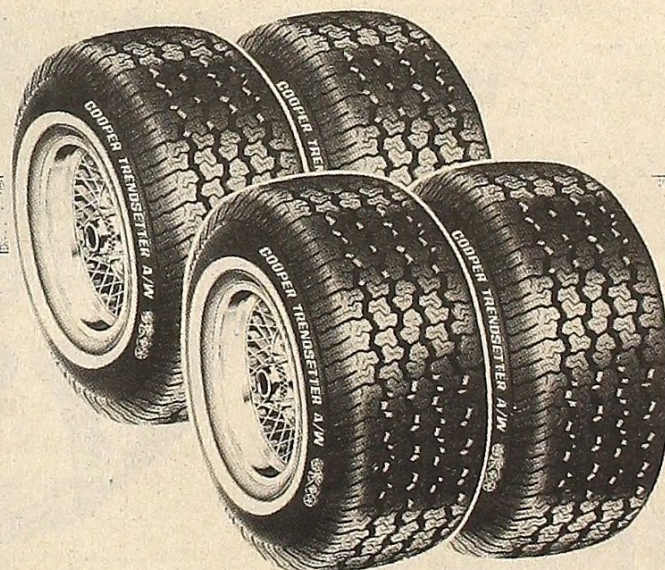
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Asthma

This reprint from *Biomedical Information Corporation's Compendium of Patient Information* was submitted by J. H. Barden, D.O.

The one characteristic all asthmatics share is a hypersensitive airway system. When an asthma attack is triggered, these hypersensitive airways become narrow and fill up with mucus, making it difficult to breathe. Although mild asthma is sometimes more of a nuisance than a life-threatening condition, prompt treatment is necessary to avoid potential complications.

Three percent of the United States population, including both children and adults, suffers from asthma. However, thanks to extensive research and the introduction of new medications, this condition is indeed treatable, and there is no

reason why an asthmatic should not lead a full and productive life.

What Happens During an Attack?

Picture the human respiratory system as an upside-down tree. Air is taken in through the windpipe, or trachea (the trunk of the tree), which divides into two main branches called *bronchi*. The bronchi further divide into smaller branches called *bronchioles*. The bronchioles end in clusters of air sacs, or *alveoli*. Within the alveoli oxygen-laden air is exchanged for deoxygenated air (air that has already been used by the body).

During an asthma attack the smooth muscles that wrap around the bronchioles tighten, shutting off the flow of air to and from the alveoli. In addition, because of irritation the soft membranes that line the bronchioles become inflamed, and the secretion of mucus increases. Because

this bronchial mucus is unusually sticky, coughing fails to expel it. The mucus plugs up the bronchioles, making it extremely difficult to exhale, and causes the wheezing sound characteristic of an asthma attack.

Because greater difficulty is experienced in breathing out than in breathing in, increased amounts of stale air are retained in the lungs with each breath. In a severe attack, this can lead to a feeling of near suffocation.

Causes

A variety of stimuli can trigger an asthmatic attack in a susceptible individual. When asthma runs in the family, and particularly if it begins in childhood, the stimulus is often found to be an allergen (a substance that produces an allergic reaction). The asthma is part of the allergic response. Common allergens include pollen, mold spores, house dust, pet dander, and dairy products, especially eggs and milk.

An asthma attack may also be triggered by an irritating substance in the air — not necessarily an allergen — such as chemical fumes, excessive air pollution, insecticides, chalk dust, tobacco smoke, and other environmental pollutants. Many people suffer from asthma caused by substances to which they are exposed on the job.

Sometimes asthma becomes worse as a result of a respiratory infection. Asthma may also be provoked by strenuous exercise or exposure to cold air.

Scientific opinion is divided as to whether emotional factors play an important part in causing asthma in either children or adults. However, one thing is certain: the emotional complications resulting from the frustration and fear of being an asthmatic should be taken as seriously as the disease itself.

Prevention

If a particular allergen has been pinpointed, every effort should be made to avoid contact with it. For instance, if the allergen is house dust, the asthma victim's room should be kept as free as possible of dust by frequent cleaning. Objects that collect dust, such as heavy drapes, thick rugs, wool blankets, and knickknacks, should be removed. Someone other than the asthmatic should do the cleaning, and the asthmatic should stay out of the room until at least an hour after the cleaning has been completed. If the asthma has been found to be caused by animal dander from a pet, the animal may have to be given away, or at least kept out of the asthmatic's bedroom.

Often, however, especially if the allergen is present year-round (as is true of house dust and pet dander), it is very difficult to keep from coming into contact with it. In this case, the asthmatic may sometimes be helped by a process called *immunotherapy*. Over a period of several weeks, the asthmatic is given a series of

injections containing increasing amounts of the allergen so that tolerance is built up to it. These injections are usually given by an allergist.

Another form of preventive therapy is the use of a medication that will suppress an asthma attack before it begins. This type of treatment is particularly effective for exercise-induced asthma.

Treatment

The most widely used preparations for treating asthmatic attacks are bronchodilators. Bronchodilators relax the muscles that tighten around the bronchioles during an asthma episode, reducing swelling of the mucous membranes and loosening the plugs of mucus that have collected in the bronchioles.

Bronchodilators are available in oral, injectable, and aerosol form. The oral preparations take somewhat longer to work than the aerosol forms, but they also last longer. An adapter is available for people who have trouble timing actuation of the aerosol spray with inspiration. Inhalant bronchodilators should be used only as directed in order to avoid side effects. Consult your doctor promptly if the inhaler seems to be becoming less effective.

If bronchodilators do not succeed in stopping asthmatic attacks, oral or inhalant corticosteroids may be prescribed. Steroids must be used under close medical supervision, as they potentially can have more severe side effects than other antiasthmatic preparations. Some asthmatics are 'steroid-dependent' and require long-term steroid therapy.

There are also some other methods that can prevent, ease, or shorten asthmatic attacks. One of these is getting into a position where the mucus can drain from the lungs, for example, by lying on your back on a bed with your head hanging over the side. Other techniques include special breathing exercises and biofeedback methods.

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Starve a Cold?

by Dan Elwart, D.C.

'Starve a cold, feed a fever.' How many times have we heard this saying? The cold season is upon us! Winter hasn't decided whether we should have rain, sun, or snow. This is the perfect time for getting a cold. They say Americans spend millions of dollars on all kinds of potions to prevent or get rid of colds, and yet most of us still get them.

Now, I'm not going to tell you about some magic cure for the cold, but I am going to tell you what can help to bring a cold on.

1. Changing weather
2. Being run down for a prolonged period of time
3. Improper nerve supply
4. A body full of toxins or waste

Changing Weather

Weather like we have been having forces our bodies to adapt to the changes in weather. These changes often occur faster than our bodies can handle. If this happens, then a cold can result.

Run Down

We just never have time to 'smell the roses' in this society. We are constantly on the go with the result that our bodies never really get a chance to catch up. Our time at rest is when our bodies repair and replace damaged tissues. If we are always on the go, the body just has to 'make do' with what it has to work with.

Along with being on the go, we tend to not eat properly. This doesn't give the old bod much to work with. You see, the food that you eat is turned into brain tissue, heart tissue, and every other tissue that we need to live. Which may be why some of us have peanut butter and jelly brains! (Just kidding!) Food is essential for proper growth, and has a lot to do with our bodies functioning properly.

Improper Nerve Supply

Just as our bodies need food to supply the materials to make new cells, we also have to have a good nerve supply so our brain can communicate to the rest of us. Our nervous systems are like the electrical system in a house. If the electricity is off, then no TV tonight. But, by finding the place where the power is cut off and restoring it, "Monday Night Football" once again becomes a reality.

In our bodies, we can have 'pinched nerves.' These nerves can be interfered with by falls, accidents and traumas. The only way our bodies can repair or replace damaged tissue is for the brain to tell it to. If the nerves are interfered with, then the job doesn't get done. A chiropractor specializes in pinched nerves and correcting the cause of them by gentle adjustments.

Body Full of Toxins

Once those tissues are replaced, the old tissue then becomes just so much 'garbage' to our systems. We have to get rid of these toxins as quickly as possible so that they don't harm healthy cells. If we have more toxins than our bodies can handle, they have to take drastic measures to get rid of them. One measure our bodies take is to give us a cold! A cold is what? A runny nose (to get rid of wastes), a fever (to burn up poisons), and coughing (to clean out the throat). Actually, when you look at it, a cold is a 'blessing in disguise.' Trying to suppress the symptoms of a cold only forces your body to put the wastes somewhere else — possibly to the tonsils, appendix, or other healthy tissues.

The moral of this story is: Keep your body's resistance up by eating properly and regularly, get adequate rest, and keep a good nerve supply by getting periodic checkups by a Doctor of Chiropractic. □

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Party Time at P.J.'s!

by D. A. Atkins

There is a new club opening around December 21 at the corner of Wayne and Ecorse roads. Formerly known as Angie's and Kramer's Korner, P.J.'s will be creating a whole new atmosphere at that locale.

The new owners, Mike Terzano, an electrical contractor, and Al Acker, a former civil servant in another community, have spent well over a quarter of a million dollars in the renovation of the building, and they intend for the club to be something like Romulus has never had before.

There is a plaid bar top that you cannot find a flaw in anywhere, and they intend to have things like a Chicago baseball diamond and a patio outside. Those are plans for the near future, but for now they will be very sports minded, with a huge TV screen and either satellite or cable sports events.

"It's going to be a fun place to come to. We know how to party!" said Mike.

There will be valet parking, lots of outside lighting, and plans are in the works for even more parking than they already

have.

I went to the club to see what kind of work was going on, and the first thing that I noticed was that the complete interior of the club had been stripped to the bare walls. They started all over again with the new decorations and seating facilities.

They will have a supper menu, which has not been completed as of this writing, but they know that they will be serving soup and sandwiches, and also their famous half-pound burgers for only \$1.

Mike and Al both say they know how to have a good time, and will make this a fun place to go. Entertainment will be served up during the week with recorded music played by a D.J., and they'll have a live band on the weekends.

It all sounds very interesting, and if it is half as good as they say it is going to be, then it will be an absolute plus for the City.

Watch *The Romulus News* for their grand opening — it should be around December 21. □

Talk at Halecreek

by D. A. Atkins

I was asked by the Principal at Halecreek Elementary School to give a talk to the children who earned the honor of being on the on the school honor roll. No big deal, right? After all, I have been an entertainer all my life, and performing in front of hundreds, sometimes thousands, of people was no big deal, so why should a talk to a bunch of little kids be any different?

You must be joking! I was never so nervous in my life!

Those little guys and gals had me scared to death. I walked on stage and was seated beside Mary Ann Banks, the secretary at Halecreek. After taking my seat, I looked up and, all of a sudden, instead of the 50 people I thought I was going to be talking to, there in front of me were about 300 boys and girls. That was scary enough, but when I saw their parents sitting right there with them, I thought I was going to shake right out of my chair.

I had thought it was going to be a piece of cake, so I hadn't even thought about writing a speech — this ol' newspaperman was just going to be cool. Boy, it sure got hot quick! What was I going to say? Would what I did say make any sense to both the kids and their parents? Would I fumble all over the place like a babbling idiot, trying to make sense when I had no idea what I was going to say? YEP!

After being introduced (Was I introduced? Maybe I just walked up there without an introduction — I don't know), the first words that came out of my mouth sounded like I was screaming at the top of my lungs. My knees were knocking so loudly that I know the kids thought there was some carpentry work being done on the building.

They were sweet, though, and clapped their hands for me, and that made me feel good. They laughed a little at some of the

things I said, and I didn't even know I had said anything funny. Boy, maybe I should have been a comedian! (Of course, that has been mentioned before!)

Mr. McPharlin and I handed out the awards as Mrs. Banks called off the children's names. I asked Mr. McPharlin if I could say a few more words that I had forgotten to mention to the kids earlier, and he was kind enough to grant my wish. I invited all of the children to write a letter to *The Romulus News*, telling us how they got on the honor roll, why they wanted to be on the honor roll, and what they intended to do to stay on it. I also invited the kids who were not currently on the honor roll to write and tell us how they intend to get on the honor roll. I told them that we would take a couple of the best letters from each grade and print them in the paper for everyone to read, hopefully inspiring other children to give their best achievement efforts. (I wonder if that made them nervous?) I also asked that they submit pictures of themselves with the letters.

Well, then I thought I was through, and it had been a very enjoyable experience, even if my knees did have bruises from knocking together! But wait, the story wasn't over yet.

I shook some hands, talked to a concerned parent, and went to the Principal's office to have a cup of coffee. Done for the day, right? WRONG!

The second- and third-grade teachers wanted me to talk to their classes about the newspaper business. Now, what could I say about the newspaper business? I don't know much about it — I just hunt and peck my way through this thing for every issue.

What could I do? I agreed to talk to them. It sure was lucky for me that they were second and third graders, or I would

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New Florist in Town

There is a new florist in the Downtown Area for those residents who like to buy flowers for their wives or special occasions. Terry and Tom Shamanski are the new owners of the shop, which will be called *Romulus Flowers by Tom*. They are located in the building where the old Bargain Store used to be, at the corner of Goddard and Sterling.

A florist has been one thing that the City has needed for a long time, and, hopefully, they will be successful enough to stay in town for a long time to come.

Tom worked for his father for several years. His father owned Myron's Flowers in Trenton. Tom's dad, who was a florist for 40 years, died in 1980, so now Tom would like to carry on the family tradition.

Tom is not new to the florist business by any stretch of the imagination. He will

be specializing in weddings, funerals, live plants, floral arrangements, silk arrangements, Christmas wreaths, and much, much more. He intends to be a full-service florist, including having gift and craft items for sale. Free delivery service will be made to the Baum-Crane Funeral Home whenever flowers are to go there.

Tom's wife, Terry, also owns a small donut shop in Belleville that is open daily from 5 to 10 a.m. That business has been very good to her, and good for the people of Belleville, too.

They have two children: Meredith, age three, and Joe, who is nine months old.

Tom and Terry are a young couple with some new floral ideas, and they have some good ones at that. Take the time to stop by and see them, and welcome to your town. □

Thanks for the Subscriptions!

Recently, we asked you to please subscribe to *The Romulus News*, and many of you have responded. We appreciate it very much, but we still need a great deal more. For those of you who have subscribed, we would like to apologize for the delay in getting the paper to you. We just got a new computer to do the mailings

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SPORTS IN ROMULUS

From the A.D.

by Fred Coleman, Romulus Schools Activities Director

I just spent a very interesting Saturday afternoon at the Silverdome, watching eight of the best high school football teams compete for State Championships. As I watched, I began to reflect on our program over the 17 years I have been in Romulus, and, like many other armchair quarterbacks, I wondered what it might take to get our program to this level.

The athletes on those eight teams were not any bigger (in fact, five of the teams were quite a bit smaller) or faster than our athletes, but what they had was confidence. They had confidence in their coaches, their fans, their school support and, most important, their teammates.

I watched a young man from Erie Mason make a major mistake that could have cost his teammates a State Championship, and saw about 2,000 Erie Mason fans give him a standing ovation as he came to the sideline. There were at least six of his teammates patting him on the back, saying, "No problem, we'll make up for it." No yelling, no screaming, no criticism, no booing. Five minutes later, this same kid made the game-winning catch of a beautiful pass to help his teammates win that championship.

I do not want to sound like I am making excuses for our athletes or coaches — I think we all agree that we must all work harder to improve our skills. But I just wonder what would happen to our program if the community and school got behind it, like these schools and communities obviously have.

You know, I'll bet no other league in the State has ever had its second-place team (Ann Arbor Pioneer lost the league to Ann Arbor Huron) win the State Championship and I wonder if any other school in the State played two of the teams in the State Championship games (Ann Arbor Pioneer and Saginaw Nouvel) like our young football team did this fall. It is not going to be easy to develop our program to the level of our league opponents, but if we try to give it our best and take pride in our effort and the fact that we play in possibly the top football league in the State, then I truly believe we will have success for our athletes.

I am hoping that, in the coming years, our athletes, coaches and community will

see the rewards that our program will receive from competing in this prestigious league. Our league has won three State titles this fall already, and has a good chance at two more. Competing with this caliber of athlete will help our players understand what they need to do to be able to compete at that level. Often, success in athletics is measured by winning and losing. In our case right now, success will be measured by effort and improvement and, most important, the development of pride in our program. If we work on these last three items, then we will begin to be successful against our league opponents where these characteristics are abundant in their programs.

Success is not far from our reach, as we currently have some fine athletes in our system. I would like to encourage our parents and community members to come out and support our athletes this winter and spring, as they make every effort to improve on our fall efforts.

Information about games can be obtained by calling 941-3414. □

Girls Basketball

The season closed for our Varsity Lady Eagles after losing to Taylor Center 72-37.

"Taylor Center is probably the best team we faced this season, and, unfortunately, we played them first in the State Tournament," said Coach Ron Bayes. He added, "With Wendy Jamula and Kathy Kemp leading that team, they could go a long way in the tournament."

Coach Bayes summed up the season this way: "Our girls showed a lot of character this year. Any athlete will tell you that losing 17 out of 21 games is tough on the morale of the team, but our girls hung together and learned from their mistakes, and I can almost guarantee that next year this team will surprise a lot of those schools that beat us this year. I am looking forward to next year already, having watched my young Varsity players progress and having seen some excellent talent on our J.V. team. Our program is on an upswing right now. The next four or five years should be really interesting. I hope to see a lot of our fans out to support these young, talented ladies next year." □

J.V. Girls Basketball

The J.V. Eagle basketball team ended

Article from previous Romulus News by Coleman (continued on page 16)

THE POLICE BEAT

by D. A. Atkins

Accident on I-94

On November 30, there was an accident on I-94 which involved a lady from Belleville. The woman, Gita Somtura, age 30, is in the hospital in Ann Arbor in critical but not stable condition.

The police officer at the scene of the accident, Officer Mike Kapelanski, said the car in which Ms. Somtura was driving went out of control when a car in front of her swerved. Apparently, Somtura tried to avoid an accident by leaving the highway for the soft shoulder of the road. When she tried to get back on the highway she lost control of the car and flipped over twice. She was found approximately 40 feet from the car.

Ms. Somtura was flown by helicopter to the University of Michigan Hospital.

Another Hold Up!

It's the same old news — the same old

places are getting held up week after week. This week it was the Speedway station at the corner of Wick and Wayne roads. It seems that a Black male, 6'2", in his late teens or early twenties and wearing a waist-length jacket with red sleeves and a red baseball cap, came into the station, produced what appeared to be a gun, and told the attendant to open the cash drawer and give him the money. That is what the attendant did, but a customer walked in and scared the thief off. He left the usual way — north.

Industrial Accident Kills One

There was an industrial accident that left one man dead at the Federal Screw Works in Romulus. The man, 64-year-old Clifford Simpson, was driving a bobcat which overturned, crushing him to death. There was no foul play suspected by the Romulus Police Department. □

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Council Meeting Held November 19

by D. A. Atkins

For your information: If you would like to address the City Council about something that is being brought up at any given meeting, you must fill out a short form and present it to the Mayor Pro Tem. Then you may address the Council when called upon to do so.

I was late getting to this Council meeting, but here is what went on while I was there.

Councilman Lambert was absent.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting were adopted for November 2 and November 9.

A special approval was adopted for the new day-care treatment center at 39010 Wabash to be called Special Tree, Limited. All members of Council voted in favor.

Also, a special use approval was granted to Snappy Car Rental to use the northwest corner of Middlebelt and Ecorse roads as a rental site, but they must also get a variance approval for that site.

Mike Building Company asked the Council to rezone a parcel of land on Wick near the railroad tracks so that it could build a mobile-home park there. The Planning Commission had suggested the rezoning be denied by Council, and they did, in fact, deny that request. There will be no mobile homes erected at that location.

Councilman Bergeron made a motion and Raspberry seconded the motion to allow Markin and Sowards Company to transfer a tax abatement to the City of Wayne. Everyone except Pennington voted yes on the transfer.

Mary Ann Banks presented a plaque awarded to the City from the Huron District Boy Scouts of America for this city's outstanding and loyal support of that organization.

The agenda was amended to allow Wendell Flynn, owner of Airlines Parking, to ask for a variance on his property so that he can add to his existing parking facility at Wick and Merriman. He also requested that he be allowed to park cars on the property, before it is finished, for the holiday season. The Council, after much discussion by Flynn, agreed to allow him to park cars on that site over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Tuesday morning, the Mayor exercised her right to veto that approval. (More information on this item can be found in the News 'N' Views section and the article about Mr. Pennington's support of the Mayor's veto.)

A budget amendment was approved by Council to allow more funds for projects at Elmer Johnson Park. The amount asked for and approved was \$10,180.

Another budget request was approved by Council for the Community Development Block Grant, and yet another was approved to move money from the Water and Sewer Fund to the major and local street funds.

Wadsworth voted no to let bids for hot patch work on local and major roads. Rey-Mart Asphalt Company was not the low bidder of the two returned bids, although Rey-Mart did include in its bid the prep work to be done while the other bidder did not. The reason the other company didn't include the prep work in its bid was that it was not asked for on the bid form. The Mayor felt that the bid should be re-issued so that the other company or companies could include prep work in their bidding. It will be re-advertised that the City is to let bids for hot patch work.

The bid for water and service repair parts was awarded to S.L.C. Meter Service, the only bidder.

A bid was awarded to Coleman Supply Company for janitorial supplies. The bid was for \$1,424.

The purchase of front mowers will be from Gross Equipment Company at a cost of \$17,000. The other company that bid was W.F. Miller. Although Miller's bid was lower, it did not meet with the City's specifications.

Apollo Fire Equipment Company will supply bunker parts for our Fire Department, as they were the lowest bidder for those supplies. Total cost was \$3,980.

Typewriter maintenance in the amount of \$3,068 was awarded to Metropolitan Office Equipment Company.

Domtar Industries will receive \$45,270 to supply the City with salt for road maintenance on local and major roads this winter.

Police car security partitions will be installed at a cost of \$1,745 by Automotive Prototypes and Equipment, Inc.

The resurfacing of the tennis courts at Elmer Johnson Park will be done by Rauch Brothers Paving Company at a cost of \$13,200.

Four-year terms were awarded to Don Bales, Phil Renke and Harlan Whichello, as they were reappointed to the Tax Increment Finance Authority. Matthew Raftary and Dennis Oakes were also reappointed to the TIFA Board for the Mayor's present term of office.

And that's just about the way it was on November 23, 1987. □

Ted's — T.L.C.

Ted Drake owns one of the oldest businesses still in operation in the City of Romulus. Ted is the owner of Ted's Market (formerly known as Ted's IGA) at the corner of Inkster and Eureka.

On the corner, where the store first originated as a gas station, is now a fruit market. The building is still there, although the store with which the Drake name is now associated is just west of the original site. The store is now in its forty-third year of operation.

Since it first opened in 1945, the store has enlarged six times to come to its present size. The store also has received a beautification award from the City.

Ted's father and mother are still living. His dad is now 71, and his mother, Celia, is 72. The original gas station was opened by a man named Olszynski, and was later

purchased by Mr. Drake.

I asked Ted what the secret was behind his and his dad's extended success, and he told me, "It is called Tender Loving Care."

The store first became famous for its meat department and, although it later grew to become a grocery store, the name of the game is still their good-quality meat counter.

Each generation has been very conscious of the customers' needs and wants, and they have worked very hard to meet them.

The hired help seems to have acquired some of the attitudes of the Drakes, too. Everyone that works at Ted's seems to be very nice, polite and helpful.

It is good to still see businesses that truly feel that the customer comes first! □



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It's the Law

by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

Q. May I sue a minor for breach of contract?

A. Generally, the policy of the law is to discourage adults from contracting with minors by giving minors the right to void their contracts. While a minor has the right to void a contract, an adult is usually bound by a contract. Thus, if an adult sues a minor for breach of contract, the minor can simply inform the court that he wishes to void the contract. However, the minor may sue the adult on the same contract and the adult would not have the option of voiding the contract.

Q. What is the function of the Judge in a criminal jury trial?

A. The judge instructs the jury as to the law that is to be applied to a particular case. The judge also determines the materiality of testimony, resolves objections during trial, decides whether evidence has been properly presented, and determines whether expert witnesses are properly qualified to testify.

If you have a legal question that you would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to answer your question in this paper's next issue. Questions should be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 S. Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. □

Mitten Tree at City Hall

There is a Christmas Tree at City Hall, and it is a little unusual to say the least. The only decorations that are going to be put on it are children's mittens.

Susan Watts, a Romulus resident living in the Meadows subdivision, has started a campaign to collect new mittens for the kids of Romulus who need them but cannot afford them. Mrs. Watts' husband, Andrew, works for the Goodfellows and would like to stuff every package with a pair of mittens.

The tree is in the Mayor's office, and already has a few pairs of mittens on it, but it will take many, many more pairs to fill it up, and there's not much time left to do it. The Mayor and Susan and Andrew Watts would like very much for you to buy a new pair of mittens and bring them to the Mayor's office to hang on the tree. It will make you feel really good if you do that — good about yourself and what this young lady and her husband are trying to accomplish in the holiday spirit.

If you can afford it, hang more than one pair, hang as many as you can, but please go out and buy the mittens so that some child who needs them will receive them. It is still the American way of doing things — those who have helping those who have not. □

Stray Cats

by D. A. Atkins

There seems to be an outbreak of stray animals in Romulus. Romulus resident Cherie Rehkopf called to tell *The Romulus News* about the problem in her neighborhood, and a little observation showed me that the problem is by no means contained in her area. I have noticed the same thing in my neighborhood — stray cats and dogs roaming all over the place, day and night.

Cherie says she is always finding cats and kittens around the Romulus Greenhouse area, where they can find warmth on cold days and nights. Cherie has a

problem, however: she can't seem to turn them away. For instance, she has one that has a broken leg. The vet wants about \$300 to fix it, but she doesn't have the money.

Being as soft hearted as she is, Cherie has taken several of the strays to the vet and had them treated at her own expense, found homes for some of them, and started to take others to various institutions until she found out what they do with them. If you take an injured animal to the Humane Society, they destroy it in four days, and the same thing holds true with almost all places except veterinary offices, which charge a minimum of \$65 to put an animal to sleep.

There is no doubt that there is a problem with stray animals. It would be nice if the people who own animals would take care of them: have them fixed so that they cannot reproduce, or, if they don't want to do that, then take care of their offspring! It is neither right nor fair for owners to shirk their responsibilities to their pets, causing others to have to assume them. □

Landing Strip Calls

by D. A. Atkins

Tom Nappo, the owner of the Landing Strip Lounge, called the other day about the article that appeared in *The Romulus News* about the noise coming from his club. He was concerned that the music was bothering anyone in the Romulus Towers senior complex or anywhere else. He wanted to apologize for any inconvenience, and said he would do everything possible to eliminate the problem. Having known Mr. Nappo for several years, I am sure that he will do everything possible to clear things up.

By the way, have any of you noticed how nice the building looks now that he has the awnings up? Maybe some of you should call him and let him know what a good job he is doing in improving the looks of the downtown area. It has taken a lot of money to do the job he has done,

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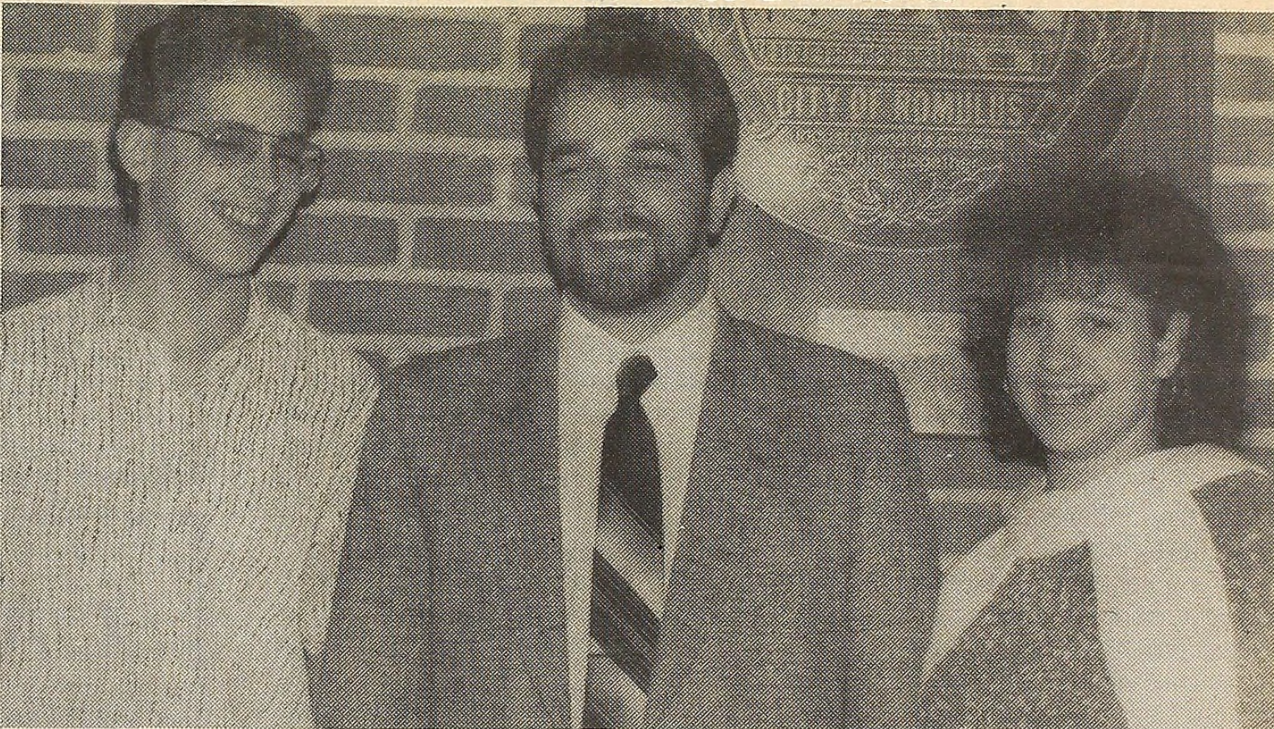
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If you are a resident of Romulus, The Romulus News will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Asthma

In general, try to stay healthy and particularly avoid getting a cold or the flu. Drink plenty of fluids (up to six to eight glasses of water daily) to loosen and break up mucus in the bronchial passages. If you smoke, it is extremely important to stop.

Complications

Untreated asthma can lead to serious complications; the continued stretching of the alveoli by accumulations of stale air can eventually damage the delicate tissues to the point where they lose their elasticity and cease to function. Self-treatment is inadvisable and especially dangerous for older people, who may attribute their chronic shortness of breath to asthma when, in fact, they may be suffering from progressive heart failure. Anyone who experiences breathing difficulty should consult a doctor.

Summing Up

Asthma, if left untreated, can be a disabling disease. Every effort should be made to identify the factors responsible for the attacks, because prevention is the foundation of effective treatment.

A variety of therapeutic approaches may be tried to control asthma; effective therapy usually involves a combination of treatments that may include drugs, avoidance of allergens, and immunotherapy. Although many people believe that asthma is an emotional disorder, this does not seem to be the case. However, asthma — like any chronic disease — can produce emotional problems that involve not only the victim but other family members as well. Emotional support is an important element in the overall treatment of asthma. □

Sports

an exciting season with a 56-48 loss to Edsel Ford High School, but managed to finish the season with a fine 14-6 record.

Coach Julie Price summed up the season this way: "These girls played so well together this year, and you could really see their confidence grow each week. Most of this team are freshmen, and they were playing big, strong sophomores and juniors all year, but they never gave up or made excuses."

Julie is looking to have many of this team back next year, but adds, "Coach Bayes may need to take some of them up to Varsity next year, and with some work, two or three of them could help the Varsity as sophomores. This is the finest group of young ladies that I have had an opportunity to work with, and I can only see great things happening for them." □

Landing Strip Calls on Article

and he says he is not through yet. Congratulations, Tom, the place looks good, and thanks for eliminating the bad sayings and signs. □

Halecreek

have been in a whole lot of trouble. There were many questions asked, and I answered them all to the best of my ability. One of the little darlings asked me how paper itself is manufactured. I thought for a minute, trying to come up with some hairbrained story, but couldn't think of one. All of a sudden, my mind drifted back to about the fifth grade. I remembered reading something in one of my school books about how paper was made, so I finally told this child, who had been waiting so patiently for his answer, "Paper is made out of wood and water. You will learn more about it later. It is very interesting, and you should listen. Are there any other questions?"

They probably didn't think I had gotten past kindergarten!

Veto

in existence, I have decided to vote in favor of the Mayor's veto."

Pennington said that, if he had known that no emergency situation would exist, he would never have voted in favor of granting a variance to our Ordinance before the applicant applied to the Appeals Board. As it stood before the Mayor's veto, the Council bypassed the Appeals Board, according to Pennington.

If the Mayor's veto is upheld by the action of the Council, then Mr. Flynn will have to go through normal procedures to use that vacant piece of land for a parking lot. □

Thanksgiving at St. Al's

by D. A. Atkins

I visited St. Aloysius Elementary to attend a very nice Thanksgiving party for the kids. The whole idea behind this get-together was to have the kids focus on the meaning of the Thanksgiving celebration, and have a good dinner and good fun at the same time.

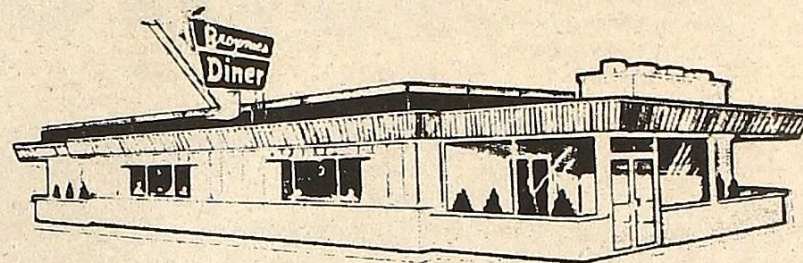
The kids were served a delicious dinner of turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, and all the other 'fixins' that go along with a Thanksgiving Day feast.

This is the second year they have had a Thanksgiving celebration. It is put on by the kindergarten and the first-, second- and third-grade students. The children made all of the place mats that were used, and did a great job of it, too. They also made up their own skits and the costumes to be worn in them.

Michelle Hunter, a third-grade teacher at St. Aloysius, said that the Thanksgiving celebration is to remind the kids to be thankful for the harvest, and for all the ways that God provides for us. "We feel that sometimes, at this time of the year, it's easy to get caught up in the commercial aspects of the holiday season, and so we're trying to put back the remembrance that God cares for us." □

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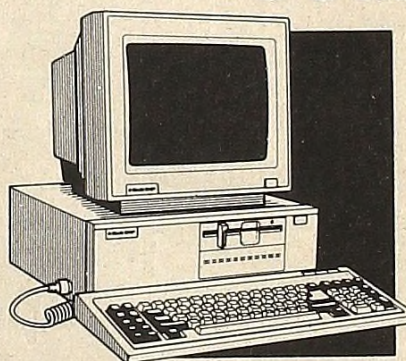
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Deaths In Romulus

Hilda E. Smith

Hilda E. Smith of Belleville, age 82, a former Romulus resident, died November 19, 1987, at Beyer Hospital, Ypsilanti.

Hilda was the beloved wife of the late Joseph Liddle (died 1956) and the late Gerald Smith (died 1981), and the dear mother of Gerald H. Liddle of Livonia, Michigan, James J. Liddle of Rochester, Michigan, Mrs. James (Alice) Cochran of Mountain View, California, Mrs. Hilton (Mona) Pelkey of Hawks, Michigan, Mrs. Clare (Betty) Holland of New Boston, Michigan, and Mrs. Donna Koczan of Dearborn, Michigan. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Hilda was employed at the Ford Rouge Plant during the last war, and at old Belleville Hospital until the late 1960s. She was also a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Taylor.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 21, 1987, at Baum-Crane Funeral Home, Romulus, with the Rev. Larry Hawkins officiating. Interment is at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Baum-Crane Funeral Home made the arrangements. □

John Nehila

John Nehila, of 38509 Wade Road, Romulus, died November 15, 1987, at Heritage Hospital. He was 57 years old.

John was the beloved husband of Margaret, and the dear father of John F. and Frances E. Nehila, and Ms. Kathleen Nehila, Mrs. Shirley Fish, Mrs. Chester (Mary Lou) Riddle, and Mrs. Timothy (Emma A.) Cavinder. He is also survived by brothers George, Albert, and Charles Nehila, sister Mildred Nehila, and nine grandchildren.

John was employed at Kelsey-Hayes, and was a member of the Romulus V.F.W. and Moose Lodge 1135, Belleville.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 18, 1987, at 10 a.m. at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, with Father Walter Lezuchowski officiating. Our Lady of Hope Cemetery was the interment site. The arrangements were made by Baum-Crane Funeral Home, Romulus. □

Elsie G. Ennis

Elsie G. Ennis, age 54, of 8966 Gabriel, Romulus, died November 22, 1987, in her home.

Elsie was the beloved wife of Donnie, and the dear mother of Perry, Tracey, Nichols, and Sherry Ennis. She is survived by sister Bernice Robbins and 14 grandchildren.

Elsie was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Belleville.

Funeral services were held at Baum-Crane Funeral Home, Romulus, on November 25, 1987, at 10 a.m. Elder Charles Hanlon officiated. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were made by Baum-Crane Funeral Home, Romulus. □

Robert L. Burke

Robert Burke, formerly of Romulus, died November 7 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Robert was the son of Eileen Perry of Romulus, husband of Sandra of Las Vegas, and father of daughter Shawn and son Tim Burke of Romulus.

Funeral services took place at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Romulus, on Thursday, November 12, at 10 a.m., with Father Walter Lezuckowski officiating.

Luncheon was served by the Ladies of the Church.

Funeral arrangements were made by Baum-Crane Funeral Home, Romulus, with burial in Las Vegas. □

Birth

Paige Family Welcomes New Addition

Pat and Kay Paige, of 36608 Romulus, Romulus, are proud to announce the birth of their grandson, Jeffery Michael Sharkey. Jeffery was born on November 16, 1987, at 1:37 p.m. He weighed seven pounds, eight ounces, and measured 21 inches.

Jeffery lives with his parents, Jeff and Patrice Sharkey, at 299 Los Palms, Royal Palm Beach, Florida 33411. His parents, maternal grandparents, and Harvey and JoAnn Sharkey, his paternal grandparents living in Lake Worth, Florida, welcome him into the family with love. □



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Hospital Accredited

Annapolis Accreditation Renewed

Annapolis Hospital has been granted renewal of accreditation by the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), according to Wade Adams, Annapolis Administrator.

Accreditation follows an intensive on-site inspection by specially trained representatives of the AABB and establishes that the level of medical, technical and administrative performance within the facility meets or exceeds the rigorous standards set by the AABB. By successfully meeting those requirements, Anna-

polis Hospital can join more than 2,200 similar facilities across the United States and abroad that have earned the Accreditation rating and recognition.

Wade Adams explained, "The AABB's inspection and accreditation procedures are voluntary. It is not legally necessary for a blood bank or transfusion service to be accredited, but like many others, our facility has sought accreditation because it represents a level of professional and medical expertise that meets and exceeds government regulations. The primary goal of the program is to assist facilities like ours to achieve excellence, and thus provide higher quality blood, blood components and other services to our patients."

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Patricia Stephens of Romulus Engaged

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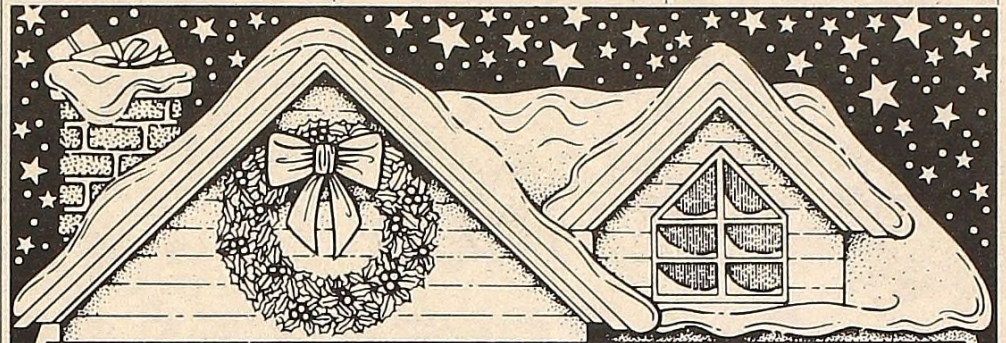
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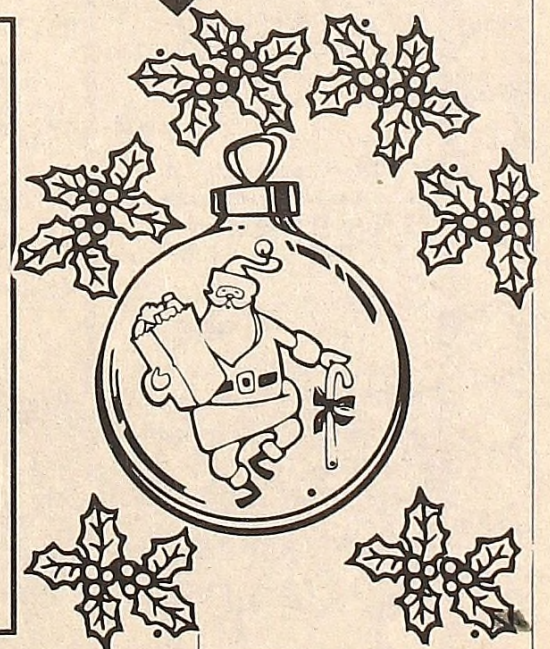
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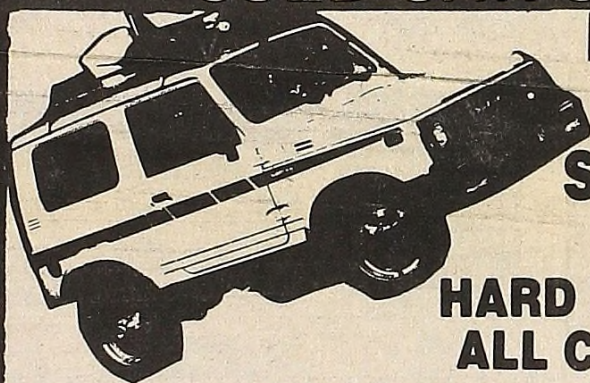
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